

GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE

Bills to be Signed by the Governor on April 24, 2007

SB0103 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

MARYLAND CLEAN CARS ACT OF 2007

Requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Motor Vehicle Administration, to adopt regulations by December 31, 2007, to establish a low emissions vehicle program applicable to specified vehicles; authorizing a modification concerning the applicability of the program to vehicles of specified model years; requiring the Department to establish motor vehicle emissions standards and compliance requirements; prohibiting the Department or any other State agency from adopting a specified regulation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB0131 Delegate Bobo and the Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

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EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SB0148 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

NATURAL RESOURCES – CHESAPEAKE BAY – OYSTER RESTORATION

Establishing the Oyster Advisory Commission in the Department of Natural Resources; providing for the membership and duties of the Commission; requiring the Commission to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2007; requiring the Department to publish specified information with respect to areas closed to shellfish harvesting; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB0133 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**NATURAL RESOURCES – CHESAPEAKE BAY – OYSTER RESTORATION**

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VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB0332 Senators Frosh and Brochin**MARYLAND GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL**

Establishing the Maryland Green Building Council in the Department of General Services; providing for the membership and terms of the Council; prohibiting specified members of the Council from receiving compensation for serving on the Council; authorizing specified members to receive specified reimbursement; requiring the Governor to appoint the chair; providing that the Council may act with an affirmative vote of a specified number of members; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB0942 Delegate Bronrott, et al**MARYLAND GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL**

Establishing the Maryland Green Building Council in the Department of General Services; providing for the membership and terms of the Council; prohibiting specified members of the Council from receiving compensation for serving on the Council; authorizing specified members to receive specified reimbursement; requiring the Governor to appoint the chair; providing that the Council may act with an affirmative vote of a specified number of members; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SB0532 Senator Dyson**NATURAL RESOURCES – DIAMONDBACK TERRAPIN – TAKE AND POSSESSION**

Repealing the requirement that the Department of Natural Resources prepare a fishery management plan for diamondback terrapin; prohibiting the take or possession of diamondback terrapin for commercial purposes; prohibiting the possession of a specified number of diamondback terrapin for noncommercial purposes; providing for specified exceptions; requiring the Department, in consultation with the Maryland Aquaculture Coordinating Council, to adopt specified regulations before issuing specified permits; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0760 Delegate V. Clagett, et al**NATURAL RESOURCES – DIAMONDBACK TERRAPIN – TAKE AND POSSESSION**

Repealing the requirement that the Department of Natural Resources prepare a fishery management plan for the diamondback terrapin; prohibiting the take or possession of diamondback terrapin for commercial purposes; prohibiting the possession of a specified number of diamondback terrapin for noncommercial purposes; providing for specified exceptions; requiring the Department, in consultation with the Maryland Aquaculture Coordinating Council, to adopt specified regulations before issuing specified permits; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0595 Senator Garagiola**ELECTRICITY – NET ENERGY METERING – RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – SOLAR ENERGY**

Increasing the maximum installed capacity available for net energy metering to eligible customer–generators in the State; increasing the amount of generating capacity of an electric generating system that an eligible customer–generator may use for net metering; requiring the Public Service Commission to make a specified determination concerning dual metering for specified eligible customer–generators; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB1016 Delegate Hecht, et al**ELECTRICITY – NET ENERGY METERING – RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – SOLAR ENERGY**

Increasing a specified limit used to determine the availability of net energy metering to eligible customer–generators; increasing the amount of generating capacity of an electric generating system that may be used by an eligible customer–generator for net metering; requiring the Public Service Commission to make a specified determination concerning dual metering for specified eligible customer–generators; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB0784 Senator Rosapepe, et al**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2007**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations that establish specified regulations and a model ordinance for specified purposes; requiring the Department to adopt regulations that specify criteria for stormwater management plans; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0786 Delegate Lawton, et al**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2007**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations that establish specified regulations and a model ordinance for specified purposes; requiring the Department to adopt regulations that specify criteria for stormwater management plans; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0016 Senator Della**BALTIMORE CITY – LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIMS ACT – BALTIMORE PUBLIC MARKETS CORPORATION AND LEXINGTON MARKET, INC.**

Including the Baltimore Public Markets Corporation, in Baltimore City, in the definition of “local government” for the purposes of the Local Government Tort Claims Act; providing that the Baltimore Public Markets Corporation, in Baltimore City, may not raise as a defense a specified limitation on liability; providing that a specified notice requirement does not apply to a specified action for unliquidated damages; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0035 Senator Frosh**TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAYS – FEDERAL PROPERTY**

Altering the definition of “highway” for the purposes of the application of State laws to include a specified part of any way or thoroughfare owned, leased, or controlled by the United States government and located in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0093 Senators Stone and Miller**UNCLAIMED RESTITUTION – DISBURSEMENTS AND USE**

Requiring the Comptroller to distribute unclaimed money from judgments of restitution to the State Victims of Crime Fund to be used for specified purposes; requiring the Comptroller to reduce a specified distribution by a specified amount if a victim entitled to restitution is located; and requiring the State Board of Victim Services to ensure that money obtained from unclaimed restitution is used for grants to provide legal counsel to victims.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB1001 Delegate Vallario**UNCLAIMED RESTITUTION – DISBURSEMENTS AND USE**

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0096 Senators Mooney and Brinkley**FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SPECIAL LICENSES**

Authorizing Holy Family Catholic Community in Frederick County to obtain specified special licenses for the sale of specified alcoholic beverages; and specifying that the net proceeds from the sale of alcoholic beverages be used to fund building construction or for charitable purposes.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB0195 Frederick County Delegation**FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SPECIAL LICENSE**

Authorizing Holy Family Catholic Community in Frederick County to obtain specified special licenses for the sale of specified alcoholic beverages; and specifying that the net proceeds from the sale of alcoholic beverages be used to fund building construction or for charitable purposes.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SB0137 Senator Middleton, et al**STATE EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY FOR ENROLLMENT AND PARTICIPATION**

Allowing employees of the Southern Maryland Regional Library, the Eastern Shore Regional Library, and the Western Maryland Regional Library to enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options established under the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program under specified circumstances; requiring a regional library to pay specified costs to the State; requiring a regional library to make a specified determination; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0575 Delegate Murphy, et al**STATE EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY FOR ENROLLMENT AND PARTICIPATION**

Allowing employees of the Southern Maryland Regional Library, the Eastern Shore Regional Library, and the Western Maryland Regional Library to enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options established under the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program under specified circumstances; requiring a regional library to pay specified costs to the State; requiring a regional library to make a specified determination; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0156 Senator Kelley, et al**INSURERS – THIRD PARTY CLAIMANTS – NOTICE OF PAYMENT TO CLAIMANT’S ATTORNEY**

Requiring, instead of authorizing, an insurer to provide specified notice to specified third party claimants if payment, in the amount of \$2,000 or more, of a third party liability claim for bodily injury is made to the claimant’s attorney under specified circumstances; and altering the time period within which notice must be sent to a third party claimant.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0173 Senator Edwards**GARRETT COUNTY – LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIMS ACT – INCLUSION OF GARRETT COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES, INC.**

Including Garrett County Municipalities, Inc., in Garrett County in the definition of “local government” for the purposes of the Local Government Tort Claims Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0177 Senator Zirkin**RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS – OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT – STANDARDS FOR STAFF AND SYSTEM FOR OUTCOMES EVALUATION**

Requiring the Department of Juvenile Services, the Department of Human Resources, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Governor’s Office for Children to adopt regulations to require staff members of residential child care programs to meet specified qualifications; requiring the Department of Juvenile Services, the Department of Human Resources, and the Governor’s Office for Children to develop, coordinate, and implement a system of outcomes evaluation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0202 Senator Stoltzfus**SOMERSET COUNTY – TREASURER – SALARY**

Altering the salary of the Treasurer of Somerset County; and providing that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the incumbent Treasurer of Somerset County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0217 Senator Astle, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – SPECIAL AND COMMEMORATIVE
REGISTRATION PLATES**

Repealing the authority of the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue specified special commemorative registration plates for Class B (for hire) vehicles; altering the termination date for the Chesapeake Bay Commemorative License Plate and the special registration plate honoring State agriculture; and repealing the termination date for specified provisions related to the design of and renewal fees for the Chesapeake Bay Commemorative License Plate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0220 Delegate Beidle, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – SPECIAL AND COMMEMORATIVE
REGISTRATION PLATES**

Repealing the authority of the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue specified special commemorative registration plates for Class B (for hire) vehicles; altering the termination date for the Chesapeake Bay Commemorative License Plate and the special registration plate honoring State agriculture; repealing the termination date for specified provisions related to the design of and renewal fees for the Chesapeake Bay Commemorative License Plate; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0237 Senators Stoltzfus and Colburn**NATURAL RESOURCES – OPEN AIR BURNING LIMITATIONS –
APPLICATION**

Establishing that the prohibition against open air burning during a declared burning ban does not apply to a burning conducted under the direct control and supervision of specified fire personnel; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SB0243 Senator Britt**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – TRANSFER OF SERVICE CREDIT**

Providing that specified members of the State Retirement and Pension System may request the Executive Director of the State Retirement Agency to take a specified action with regard to specified claims; authorizing the Executive Director of the State Retirement Agency to accept or deny specified requests by specified members; requiring the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System to review specified claims that have been denied by the Executive Director of the State Retirement Agency; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0311 Delegate Niemann**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – TRANSFER OF SERVICE CREDIT**

Providing that specified members of the State Retirement and Pension System may request the Executive Director of the State Retirement Agency to take a specified action with regard to specified claims; authorizing the Executive Director of the State Retirement Agency to accept or deny specified requests by specified members; requiring the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System to review specified claims that have been denied by the Executive Director of the State Retirement Agency; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0262 Senators Klausmeier and Della**CONSENT PROVISIONS – MINORS – MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL DISORDER**

Authorizing psychologists to give specified individuals information, without the consent of or over the express objection of a minor, about treatment of a mental or emotional disorder needed by a minor or provided to a minor under specified circumstances; authorizing specified individuals, on advice or direction of a psychologist, to give specified individuals information, without the consent of or over the express objection of a minor under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0263 Senator Klausmeier, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – CARRIER PROVIDER PANELS –
NONPHYSICIAN SPECIALISTS**

Requiring a health insurance carrier to establish and implement a specified procedure for referral to a nonphysician specialist who is not part of a carrier's provider panel; providing that a specified decision by a carrier constitutes an adverse decision under specified circumstances; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2007.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0519 Delegate Bromwell, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – CARRIER PROVIDER PANELS –
NONPHYSICIAN SPECIALISTS**

Requiring a health insurance carrier to establish and implement a specified procedure for referral to a nonphysician specialist who is not part of a carrier's provider panel; providing that a specified decision by a carrier constitutes an adverse decision under specified circumstances; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2007.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0274 Senator Edwards**GARRETT COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – NEW OR
EXPANDING BUSINESSES**

Authorizing the governing body of Garrett County to grant, by law, a county property tax credit for real property that is new construction or an improvement to real property owned or occupied by a commercial or industrial business in Garrett County; authorizing the governing body to specify, by law, specified criteria for qualification for the credit and to provide, by law, for the amount and duration of the credit, qualifications and application procedures for the credit, and other provisions for the credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SB0282 Senators Middleton and Dyson**POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION – COMMISSIONER COMPENSATION**

Authorizing the members of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission to receive up to \$250 in compensation for each day or portion of a day spent in the performance of their duties; providing that the members of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission may not receive more than \$1,500 in compensation in any year; providing that the Act does not apply to the compensation of the incumbent members of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission from Maryland; and making the Act subject to a specified contingency.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0339 Senator Pugh, et al**DRUG TREATMENT – MARYLAND STATE DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE COUNCIL – STUDY OF THE STATE’S APPROACH TO DRUG TREATMENT**

Requiring the Maryland State Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council to include a specified review of the State’s approach to drug treatment in the two-year strategic review; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SB0349 Senator McFadden**DISEASE PREVENTION – SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES – EXPEDITED PARTNER THERAPY PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Expedited Partner Therapy Pilot Program in the Baltimore City Health Department; providing for the purpose of the Program; authorizing specified health care providers to dispense or otherwise provide antibiotic therapy to the sexual partners of patients diagnosed with specified sexually transmitted diseases without making a physical assessment of the patient’s partner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0351 Senator Kelley, et al**FORENSIC LABORATORIES – STANDARDS AND OVERSIGHT**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations that set standards and requirements for forensic laboratories; requiring a laboratory that examines or analyzes forensic specimens to demonstrate satisfactory performance in a specified proficiency testing program; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to review proficiency tests and proficiency testing programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0368 Senator Muse**TORTS – RELEASE OF CLAIM FOR DAMAGES – VOIDABLE**

Increasing from 5 to 30 days the period during which a release of a claim for tort damages signed by an injured individual is voidable; altering the circumstances under which a release of a claim for specified damages is voidable; increasing from 5 to 30 days the period during which a specified power of attorney or employment contract signed by an injured individual is voidable; clarifying when a specified time period begins; requiring a specified notice to be in writing and accompanied by the return of specified money; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0387 Delegate Smigiel, et al**TORTS – RELEASE OF CLAIM FOR DAMAGES – VOIDABLE**

Increasing from 5 to 30 days the period during which a release of a claim for tort damages signed by an injured individual is voidable; altering the circumstances under which a release of a claim for specified damages is voidable; increasing from 5 to 30 days the period during which a specified power of attorney or employment contract signed by an injured individual is voidable; clarifying when a specified time period begins; requiring a specified notice to be in writing and accompanied by the return of specified money; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0389 Senator Stone**CIVIL ACTIONS – LIABILITY OF INSURER – FAILURE TO ACT IN GOOD FAITH**

Authorizing the recovery of actual damages, expenses, litigation costs, and interest in first-party claims against property and casualty insurers under specified circumstances; providing that the interest is to be computed at a specified rate and from a specified date; requiring a clerk of a court to file a copy of specified verdicts and other dispositions with the Maryland Insurance Administration; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0407 Senator McFadden (Baltimore City Administration)**BALTIMORE CITY – HOTEL ROOM TAX – CONVENTION CENTER PROMOTION**

Extending through the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, provisions requiring that 40% of the proceeds from a hotel room tax imposed by Baltimore City be appropriated specifically for Convention Center marketing and tourism promotion; requiring that the required appropriation be made to the Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association; repealing obsolete language; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SB0426 Senator Middleton, et al**MARYLAND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT BOARD – MEMBERSHIP**

Expanding the membership of the Maryland Tourism Development Board by adding two appointments of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates and three appointments of the Governor who are from specified destination marketing organizations; providing that specified members appointed by the Governor meet specified qualifications; providing that specified members may not vote on any matter before the Board; specifying a legislative intent; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0431 Senator Kelley**CHILDREN – OUT-OF-HOME CARE REVIEW BOARDS – CASE REVIEWS**

Requiring the State Citizens Review Board for Children to conduct case reviews to assist State and local agencies in determining whether the agencies' child protection responsibilities are being effectively carried out; requiring case reviews to include questions designed to meet specified quality assessment goals for casework services; requiring the State Board to tabulate case review results and to submit them for consideration as part of a department self-assessment process; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0433 Senator Klausmeier**BANKING INSTITUTIONS – DECEPTIVE USE OF NAMES, TRADE NAMES, TRADEMARKS, SERVICE MARKS, LOGOS, OR TAGLINES – PENALTIES**

Clarifying the entities that may use a name, title, or other words that represent that the person is authorized to do the business of banking in the State; providing that, except with the consent of the bank, a person may not use the name of a bank or any term or design that is similar to the name in specified material; defining terms; providing for an exception; providing for a penalty for a violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0434 Senator Frosh**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – DISCLAIMERS**

Establishing that creditors of a disclaimant have no interest in property disclaimed under the Maryland Uniform Disclaimer of Property Interests Act; and altering a provision providing for the validity of a disclaimer that is not filed, recorded, or registered.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0444 Senator Colburn**MOTOR VEHICLES – SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR VETERANS – USE AFTER VEHICLE TRANSFER**

Providing that, under specified circumstances, a spouse may continue using specified special registration plates for veterans and recipients of specified armed forces medals on a specified vehicle after transfer of title or ownership interest in the vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0856 Delegate Boteler, et al**MOTOR VEHICLES – SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR VETERANS – USE AFTER VEHICLE TRANSFER**

Providing that, under specified circumstances, a spouse may continue using specified special registration plates for veterans and recipients of specified armed forces medals on a specified vehicle after transfer of title or ownership interest in the vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0456 Senator Colburn**INTEREST RATE FOR OVERDUE PROPERTY TAX – MARDELA SPRINGS**

Providing that the rate of interest for overdue property tax for the town of Mardela Springs is the rate set by law by the governing body of Mardela Springs, not exceeding 1% for each month or fraction of a month that the property tax is overdue.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SB0488 Senator Britt, et al**VOTER REGISTRATION PROTECTION ACT**

Altering specified qualifications for voter registration; providing that an individual is not qualified to register to vote if the individual has been convicted of a felony and is actually serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, including any term of parole or probation, for the conviction; repealing specified conditions relating to the eligibility of specified felons convicted of specified crimes to register to vote; repealing the definition of “infamous crime”; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0492 Senator Britt**COMMISSION ON CIVIC LITERACY**

Establishing a Commission on Civic Literacy; establishing the membership of the Commission; requiring the Commission to elect specified officers from among its members; requiring the State Department of Education to provide staff and specified other support to the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing a member of the Commission to receive specified reimbursements; requiring the Commission to hold specified meetings; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0553 Senator Pipkin, et al**ENVIRONMENT – LANDFILLS – TERMINATION DATE**

Expanding a prohibition against issuing a specified permit to construct or operate a landfill within a specified distance of specified areas; repealing the termination date of specified provisions of law relating to landfills in the State; and requiring the Department of the Environment to report to the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2008, on appropriate methods to authorize a county to remove a proposed landfill from a county plan.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0565 Senator Brinkley**FREDERICK COUNTY – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING –
REPRESENTATIVES FOR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS**

Authorizing the representatives of specified full-time correctional officers in the Frederick County Sheriff's Office to collectively bargain with the Sheriff of Frederick County concerning wages and benefits; requiring that any additional funding required as a result of a negotiated agreement be subject to the approval of the County Commissioners of Frederick County; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0566 Senator Miller, et al**PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES – GENERATING STATIONS – WIND**

Exempting a specified person from having to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity for a generating station that produces electricity from wind; requiring a person to obtain approval from the Public Service Commission prior to any construction of a generating station that produces electricity from wind under specified circumstances; requiring the Commission to provide a specified opportunity for public comment; requiring the Commission to report on specified matters to specified persons; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0568 Senator Stoltzfus**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – SUPERVISED PRACTICE – DENTAL HYGIENIST**

Altering the requirements for specified dental facilities that employ dental hygienists who are authorized to practice dental hygiene under the general supervision of a licensed dentist; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0751 Delegate Oaks, et al**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – SUPERVISED PRACTICE – DENTAL HYGIENIST**

Altering the requirements for specified dental facilities that employ dental hygienists who are authorized to practice dental hygiene under the general supervision of a licensed dentist; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0582 Senator Rosapepe**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY SCHOOL FACILITIES SURCHARGE – EXEMPTION**

Altering an exemption from the school facilities surcharge in Prince George’s County for specified multi-family housing designated as student housing in specified areas.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0600 Senator Kittleman**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION – AUTHORIZATION
FOR RELEASE OF MEDICAL INFORMATION – WORK-RELATED
INJURY OR OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE**

Requiring specified claim application forms that are filed with the Workers' Compensation Commission for an alleged work-related injury or occupational disease to include an authorization for the release to specified persons of specified medical information; providing for the contents, duration, and use of the authorization; requiring a health care provider to disclose specified medical information on receipt of a specified authorization filed with the Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0601 Senator Kittleman**HEALTH INSURANCE – HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS –
REIMBURSEMENT AND CHARGES**

Prohibiting specified carriers from requiring health care providers that provide health care services through a specified group practice or health care facility to be considered participating providers or to accept a specified reimbursement fee schedule under specified circumstances; and requiring a specified provider to give specified notice to an enrollee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0947 Delegate Kach, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS –
REIMBURSEMENT AND CHARGES**

Prohibiting specified carriers from requiring health care providers that provide health care services through a specified group practice or health care facility to be considered participating providers or to accept a specified reimbursement fee schedule under specified circumstances; and requiring a specified provider to give specified notice to an enrollee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0635 Senator Raskin**CONDOMINIUMS – CONVERSION OF RENTAL FACILITIES – NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

Providing that if a specified offer of the right to purchase rental property being converted to a condominium is not given to a tenant concurrently with the required notice of intent to create a condominium, then the period in which the tenant is entitled to remain in the tenant's residence does not begin until the tenant receives the purchase offer; requiring that the written notice of conversion given to a tenant include specified language if a purchase offer is not included with the notice of conversion; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0095 Delegate Hixson, et al**CONDOMINIUMS – CONVERSION OF RENTAL FACILITIES – NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

Providing that if a specified offer of the right to purchase rental property being converted to a condominium is not given to a tenant concurrently with the required notice of intent to create a condominium, the period in which the tenant is entitled to remain in the tenant's residence does not begin until the tenant receives the purchase offer; requiring that the written notice given to a tenant include specified language; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0646 Senator Exum**MENTAL HYGIENE FACILITIES – PATIENT RIGHTS**

Altering the requirement that individuals in mental hygiene facilities be free from specified restraints and seclusions; establishing that individuals in mental hygiene facilities be free from specified physical restraints and holds; providing that a specified requirement does not prohibit a specified action; requiring a mental hygiene facility to have a written policy specifying a method for specified patients to effectively communicate distress under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0640 Delegate Kullen, et al**MENTAL HYGIENE FACILITIES – PATIENT RIGHTS**

Altering the requirement that individuals in specified facilities be free from specified restraints and seclusions; establishing that individuals in mental hygiene facilities be free from specified physical restraints and holds; providing that a specified requirement does not prohibit a specified action; requiring a mental hygiene facility to have a written policy specifying a method for specified patients to effectively communicate distress under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0651 Senator Edwards**MEDICAL MALPRACTICE LIABILITY INSURANCE – GARRETT COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – SUBSIDY FOR FAMILY PRACTITIONERS WHO ALSO PERFORM OBSTETRICAL SERVICES**

Requiring a subsidy for medical professional liability insurance policies issued to family practitioners who have staff privileges at Garrett County Memorial Hospital and who also provide obstetrical services at Garrett County Memorial Hospital; requiring specified amounts to remain in the Rate Stabilization Account to pay for specified subsidies; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0372 Delegates Beitzel and Hammen**MEDICAL MALPRACTICE LIABILITY INSURANCE – GARRETT COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – SUBSIDY FOR FAMILY PRACTITIONERS WHO ALSO PERFORM OBSTETRICAL SERVICES**

Requiring a subsidy for medical professional liability insurance policies issued to family practitioners who have staff privileges at Garrett County Memorial Hospital and who also provide obstetrical services at Garrett County Memorial Hospital; requiring specified amounts to remain in the Rate Stabilization Account to pay for specified subsidies; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0678 Senator Raskin, et al**MARYLAND HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION – HEARINGS AND CIVIL ACTIONS – RELIEF**

Altering provisions of the Maryland Human Relations Commission law; requiring specified cases to be heard by an administrative law judge, rather than a hearing examiner; requiring that a complaint of discrimination and specified documents be certified to the general counsel of the Commission rather than the Commission chairman; altering the circumstances under which a certification is required to be made; expanding the relief available for specified acts of discrimination; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0314 Delegate Rosenberg, et al**MARYLAND HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION – HEARINGS AND CIVIL ACTIONS – RELIEF**

Altering provisions of the Maryland Human Relations Commission law; requiring specified cases to be heard by an administrative law judge, rather than a hearing examiner; requiring that a complaint of discrimination and specified documents be certified to the general counsel of the Commission rather than the Commission chairman; altering the circumstances under which a certification is required to be made; expanding the relief available for specified acts of discrimination; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0685 Cecil County Senators**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PRETRIAL RELEASE – POSTING OF BOND WITHOUT APPEARANCE OF DEFENDANT**

Allowing a defendant to post bond by means of electronic transmission or hand delivery of documentation without appearing before the commissioner or judge under specified circumstances if authorized by the County Administrative Judge or the Chief Judge of the District Court.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0701 Senator Dyson**PUBLIC SAFETY – MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION
– USES OF APPROPRIATION**

Altering the purposes for which the Maryland State Firemen’s Association may use money appropriated in the State budget; and altering the purposes for which the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund may be used for a specified fiscal year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB1078 Delegate Conway, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION
– USES OF APPROPRIATION**

Altering the purposes for which the Maryland State Firemen’s Association may use money appropriated in the State budget; and altering the purposes for which the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund may be used for a specified fiscal year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0702 Senator Dyson**YELLOW PERCH CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY ACT**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt specified regulations relating to yellow perch by a specified date; requiring the yellow perch management strategy adopted under the Act to be based on specified objectives and measures; requiring the Department to incorporate specified objectives into a fishery management plan for yellow perch; requiring the Department, in consultation with stakeholders, to submit a specified report to committees of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SB0746 Senator Conway**HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS – TEST COUNSELING AND INFORMED CONSENT – REVIEW**

Requiring the AIDS Administration to convene a workgroup including specified stakeholders to review and make recommendations regarding specified Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines regarding HIV/AIDS; requiring the workgroup to review and consider specified best practices and research data; requiring the workgroup to report any recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before January 1, 2008; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB0781 Delegate Hubbard**HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS – TEST COUNSELING AND INFORMED CONSENT – REVIEW**

Requiring the AIDS Administration to convene a workgroup including specified stakeholders to review and make recommendations regarding specified Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines regarding HIV/AIDS; requiring the workgroup to review and consider specified best practices and research data; requiring the workgroup to report any recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before January 1, 2008; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SB0754 Senator Muse**VEHICLE LAWS – ELUDING A POLICE OFFICER – CRIMES OF VIOLENCE**

Prohibiting a driver of a motor vehicle from attempting to elude a police officer if the officer is attempting to apprehend the driver for the commission of a crime of violence for which the driver is subsequently convicted; defining a term; and clarifying language.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0756 Senator Gladden**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – FUNERAL DIRECTOR LICENSES**

Renaming the State Board of Morticians to be the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors; requiring that an individual be licensed by the Board before the individual may practice funeral direction in the State; requiring the Board to establish qualifications, examinations, and experience requirements for licensing funeral directors; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0457 Delegate Rosenberg, et al**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – FUNERAL DIRECTOR LICENSES**

Renaming the State Board of Morticians to be the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors; requiring that an individual be licensed by the Board before the individual may practice funeral direction in the State; requiring the Board to establish qualifications, examinations, and experience requirements for licensing funeral directors; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0766 Senator Frosh**ENVIRONMENT – PHOSPHORUS – DISHWASHING DETERGENT**

Prohibiting a person from using, selling, manufacturing, or distributing for sale household dishwashing machine detergent that contains more than 0.5 percent of phosphorus by weight after January 1, 2010; requiring the Department of the Environment to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2008, regarding use of specified detergents in commercial dishwashing machines; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB1131 Delegates Hubbard and Frush**ENVIRONMENT – PHOSPHORUS – DISHWASHING DETERGENT**

Prohibiting a person from using, selling, manufacturing, or distributing for sale household dishwashing machine detergent that contains more than 0.5 percent of phosphorus by weight after January 1, 2010; requiring the Department of the Environment to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2008, regarding use of specified detergents in commercial dishwashing machines; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0772 Senator Britt, et al**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE –
COMPOSITION AND SALARIES**

Increasing the number of assistant State's Attorney positions in the State's Attorney's office for Prince George's County; and increasing the maximum salaries of the deputy State's Attorneys, the assistant State's Attorneys, and the administrative assistant in the State's Attorney's office.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0774 Senator Britt, et al**CERVICAL CANCER COMMITTEE – HPV VACCINE
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Establishing the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine subcommittee in the Cervical Cancer Committee of the Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan; providing for the membership and duties of the HPV vaccine subcommittee; requiring the HPV vaccine subcommittee to submit an annual report to the Cervical Cancer Committee by September 1; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB1049 Delegate Pena–Melnik, et al**CERVICAL CANCER COMMITTEE – HPV VACCINE
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Establishing the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine subcommittee in the Cervical Cancer Committee of the Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan; providing for the membership and duties of the HPV vaccine subcommittee; requiring the HPV vaccine subcommittee to submit an annual report to the Cervical Cancer Committee by September 1; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0775 Senator Pipkin**QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – STATE'S ATTORNEY – SALARY**

Altering the salary of the State's Attorney for Queen Anne's County; authorizing the State's Attorney to appoint one or more deputy State's Attorneys; specifying duties of the State's Attorney, a deputy State's Attorney, and an assistant State's Attorney; establishing that the State's Attorney is entitled to specified expenses for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0777 Senator Stoltzfus**DELMARVA ADVISORY COUNCIL – REPEAL**

Repealing provisions of law establishing Maryland's membership on the Delmarva Advisory Council; eliminating the representative of the Delmarva Advisory Council from the membership of the Executive Board of the Rural Maryland Council; and requiring the Department of Legislative Services to provide specified notice of the enactment of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0813 Senator Colburn**DORCHESTER COUNTY – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF FIRE COMPANIES AS DEPUTY SHERIFFS**

Including Dorchester County in the list of counties in which the sheriff may appoint as deputy sheriffs specified members of specified fire companies to exercise the powers of deputy sheriffs at fires and while going to and from fires and appoint as deputy sheriffs specified members of specified fire companies to exercise the powers of deputy sheriffs at specified events.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0814 Senator Colburn**WICOMICO COUNTY – LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD – SALARIES**

Increasing the annual salaries of the chairman and members of the Wicomico County Liquor Control Board to \$6,000 and \$5,000, respectively; and providing that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the incumbent chairman or members of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0841 Carroll County Senators**CARROLL COUNTY – EDUCATION – ORGANIZATION OF TEACHERS AND OTHER PERSONNEL**

Altering the definition of a "public school employee" in Carroll County, as it relates to the organization of certificated employees, to include a supervisory noncertificated employee; providing that in Carroll County, beginning on a specified date, there may be no more than three units and all units shall be nonsupervisory units; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0873 Senator Garagiola, et al**TASK FORCE TO STUDY STATE ASSISTANCE TO VETERANS**

Altering the process for the appointment of specified members of the Task Force to Study State Assistance to Veterans; extending the date by which the members of the Task Force must be appointed to July 1, 2007; extending the dates by which the Task Force must report its interim and final findings and recommendations to specified officials to December 1, 2007, and December 1, 2008, respectively; and extending the termination date of the Task Force to May 31, 2009.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB1181 Delegate Minnick, et al**TASK FORCE TO STUDY STATE ASSISTANCE TO VETERANS**

Altering the process for the appointment of specified members of the Task Force to Study State Assistance to Veterans; extending the date by which the members of the Task Force must be appointed to July 1, 2007; extending the dates by which the Task Force must report its interim and final findings and recommendations to specified officials to December 1, 2007, and December 1, 2008, respectively; and extending the termination date of the Task Force to May 31, 2009.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SB0874 Senator Pugh**BALTIMORE CITY – NEW SHILOH MULTIPURPOSE CENTER
LOAN OF 2001**

Providing that the proceeds of the Baltimore City – New Shiloh Multipurpose Center Loan of 2001 must be encumbered by the Board of Public Works or expended for the purposes provided in this Act by June 1, 2009.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SB0885 Senator Dyson**ETHICS LAW – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

Altering the definition of “interest” to exclude specified additional qualified trusts and specified college savings plans; and increasing from \$50 to \$100 the fee that a regulated lobbyist must pay each time the lobbyist files a specified registration form with the State Ethics Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0886 Senator Dyson**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2005 – CALVERT COUNTY – OLD WALLVILLE SCHOOL**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2005 to change the authorized uses of a specified grant to the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Old Wallville School, Inc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SB0891 Senator Astle**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2004 – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – CARRIE WEEDON SCIENCE CENTER**

Altering the authorized uses of a specified grant to the Board of Directors of the Carrie Weedon Science Center Foundation, Inc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SB0895 Senator DeGrange**PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES KILLED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES – PUBLIC SAFETY AVIATION EMPLOYEES – DEATH BENEFITS**

Including specified public safety aviation employees within specified provisions relating to eligibility for specified death benefits and funeral expenses.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0937 Senator Kelley**STATE BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS – FEES**

Repealing the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Administrators Fund; and requiring the Board to pay money collected by the Board for the issuance and renewal of certificates and its other services into the General Fund of the State.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB1177 Delegate Jones, et al**STATE BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS – FEES**

Repealing the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Administrators Fund; and requiring the Board to pay money collected by the Board for the issuance and renewal of certificates and its other services into the General Fund of the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0938 Senator Hooper, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – INJURY REPORTS – WORKGROUP**

Requiring specified entities to convene a specified workgroup to develop recommendations regarding specified injury reports; and requiring the workgroup to make a specified report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee of the General Assembly by December 1, 2007.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB0954 Senator Edwards**GARRETT COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ST. ANN MISSION**

Authorizing the governing body of Garrett County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on real property owned by the Society for the Preservation of St. Ann Mission and known as St. Ann Mission; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2007.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SB0962 Senator Brinkley**AGRICULTURAL OWNERSHIP ENTITIES – HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT**

Altering definitions under the Homestead Property Tax Credit law to include shareholders in a family corporation, as defined, and partners in general partnerships within the definition of “homeowner” for purposes of the credit under specified circumstances; applying the Act to tax years beginning after June 30, 2007; authorizing the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to accept specified applications for the credit on or before September 30, 2007; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB1386 Delegate Bartlett, et al**AGRICULTURAL OWNERSHIP ENTITIES – HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT**

Altering definitions under the Homestead Property Tax Credit law to include shareholders in a family corporation, as defined, and partners in general partnerships within the definition of “homeowner” for purposes of the credit under specified circumstances; applying the Act to tax years beginning after June 30, 2007; authorizing the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to accept specified applications for the credit on or before September 30, 2007; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SB0974 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)**DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE – DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY – HOLDING PERIOD**

Providing that specified requirements relating to disposal of personal property in the possession of the Department of State Police do not apply to personal property retained by the Department for use as evidence in a criminal proceeding and do not supersede specified provisions for seizure and forfeiture; and reducing the period of time from 6 months to 3 months that specified property is held by the Department of State Police before the Department is required to give notice to specified persons of the sale of the property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB0984 Senator Edwards**VEHICLE LAWS – MOTOR VEHICLE AND BICYCLE RACING EVENTS – APPROVAL**

Permitting motor vehicle racing on a highway under the jurisdiction of the State Highway Administration or a local authority if the State Highway Administration or local authority approves under specified circumstances; authorizing the approval of a motor vehicle or bicycle racing event only if the specified conditions are met; terminating the Act at the end of September 30, 2009; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB0987 Senator Conway**MARYLAND HIV/AIDS REPORTING ACT**

Requiring specified physicians to report specified information to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and to specified health officers; requiring specified laboratories to report specified information to the Secretary; requiring specified institutions to report specified information to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and to specified health officers; providing for the confidentiality of specified reports; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB1270 Delegate Hubbard, et al**MARYLAND HIV/AIDS REPORTING ACT**

Requiring specified physicians to report specified information to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and to specified health officers; requiring specified laboratories to report specified information to the Secretary; requiring specified institutions to report specified information to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and to specified health officers; providing for the confidentiality of specified reports; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB0998 Senator Stone (Baltimore County Administration), et al**BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MULTIPLE LICENSE HOLDINGS**

Increasing to seven the number of specified Class B licenses for hotels and restaurants in Baltimore County that a single person may obtain under specified circumstances; providing that a person may have a direct or indirect interest in a license; specifying circumstances that evidence an indirect interest; increasing to seven the number of licenses that a single person may obtain for hotels and restaurants in the Liberty Road Commercial Revitalization District in the county; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SB1008 Senator Colburn**TOWN OF BROOKVIEW (DORCHESTER COUNTY) – URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY FOR SLUM CLEARANCE**

Authorizing the Town of Brookview, Dorchester County, to undertake and carry out specified urban renewal projects for slum clearance and redevelopment; prohibiting specified land or property from being taken for specified purposes without just compensation first being paid to the party entitled to the compensation; declaring that specified land or property taken in connection with specified urban renewal powers is needed for public uses or purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB1010 Senator Colburn**TOWN OF GALESTOWN (DORCHESTER COUNTY) – URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY FOR SLUM CLEARANCE**

Authorizing the Town of Galestown, Dorchester County, to undertake and carry out specified urban renewal projects for slum clearance and redevelopment; prohibiting specified land or property from being taken for specified purposes without just compensation first being paid to the party entitled to the compensation; declaring that specified land or property taken in connection with specified urban renewal powers is needed for public uses or purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB1012 Senator Astle**NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHERY MANAGEMENT REFORM ACT**

Modifying the fees for specified fishing licenses for tidal and nontidal waters; authorizing the Governor to include in the budget bill a specified appropriation from the General Fund for the State Fisheries Management and Protection Fund and the Fisheries Research and Development Fund beginning with fiscal year 2009; stating the findings and intent of the General Assembly relating to fishing resources; establishing the Task Force on Fishery Management; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB1017 Senators Muse and Miller**CRIMES – TOBACCO PARAPHERNALIA – DISTRIBUTION TO MINORS**

Prohibiting the distribution of tobacco paraphernalia to a minor; defining “tobacco paraphernalia”; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL

SB1025 The President (By Request – Administration)**ELECTION LAW – PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION DATE**

Altering the date of the statewide primary election in the year in which the President of the United States is elected from the first Tuesday in March to the second Tuesday in February; making miscellaneous technical and clarifying changes to conform to the change in the date for the statewide presidential primary election, including provisions relating to specified deadlines and including provisions relating to the certification of specified candidates by the Secretary of State; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SB1027 Senator Gladden**VEHICLE LAWS – RACE-BASED TRAFFIC STOPS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Extending the termination date for specified provisions of law concerning the collection, analysis, and reporting of specified information relating to traffic stops; extending the period of time during which law enforcement officers must record and report to the Maryland Justice Analysis Center specified information relating to traffic stops; extending the period of time during which the Maryland Justice Analysis Center must analyze and report on information relating to specified traffic stops; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SB1030 Senator Dyson**CRITICAL AREAS – APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES – LOCAL JURISDICTIONS**

Clarifying that specified provisions of law apply to a local jurisdiction during the consideration, processing, and decision on an application for a specified variance notwithstanding any provision, or lack of provision, in the local jurisdiction’s local laws and ordinances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB0121 Delegate Elmore**SOMERSET COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE FEES**

Increasing the annual fees for all retail alcoholic beverages licenses in Somerset County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0164 Delegate N. King, et al**EDUCATION – RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS – INDOOR AIR QUALITY STANDARDS**

Requiring the Board of Public Works, in consultation with the Department of General Services and the Department of Housing and Community Development, to adopt regulations to establish standards and specifications to enhance the indoor air quality of specified relocatable classrooms; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0181 Delegate Bromwell, et al**BALTIMORE COUNTY – ELECTION LAW – COMPENSATION FOR ELECTION JUDGES**

Altering the compensation for chief election judges and other election judges in Baltimore County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0184 Delegate Krysiak, et al**JOINT COMMITTEE ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFIT AND INSURANCE OVERSIGHT – MEMBERSHIP**

Expanding the membership of the Joint Committee on Workers' Compensation Benefit and Insurance Oversight to include a rehabilitation service provider certified by the Workers' Compensation Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0198 Howard County Delegation**HOWARD COUNTY – ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT – FILING DATE HO. CO. 7-07**

Altering from November 1 to December 1 the date by which Howard County must file its annual financial report for the fiscal year with the Department of Legislative Services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0216 Delegate Morhaim, et al**HIV TESTING – EXPOSURE – FORENSIC SCIENTIST**

Including a forensic scientist who works under the direction of a law enforcement agency within the definition of a public safety worker required to test for HIV in the event of a specified exposure.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0251 Delegate Anderson (Baltimore City Administration), et al**BALTIMORE CITY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR NEWLY CONSTRUCTED DWELLINGS**

Extending from June 30, 2007, to June 30, 2009, the termination date applicable to provisions authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the local property tax imposed on newly constructed dwellings under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB0271 Delegate Stifler, et al**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – UNPAID WORK–BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES – COVERAGE**

Altering the definition of an unpaid work–based learning experience for the purpose of requiring workers' compensation coverage for students placed by specified private noncollegiate institutions; requiring a participating employer to reimburse a private noncollegiate institution for the cost of the workers' compensation coverage; authorizing the private noncollegiate institution that places the student to obtain workers' compensation insurance for the student; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0277 Delegate Rosenberg**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – COVERED EMPLOYEE – DOMESTIC WORKER**

Altering from \$750 to \$1,000 the earnings level above which a domestic worker in a private home is a covered employee under the workers' compensation law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0303 Delegate Cane, et al**TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE LOWER EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0318 Delegates McHale and Hammen**HIGHER EDUCATION – EDWARD T. CONROY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY**

Altering the eligibility requirements for the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program to include a specified student who is a son, daughter, or surviving spouse of a State or local public safety employee killed in the line of duty to specify that the student may be a resident of any state; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB0323 Delegate Mathias, et al**WORCESTER COUNTY – SHERIFF’S OFFICE – PERSONNEL POLICIES**

Establishing a minimum annual salary of \$85,000 for the Sheriff of Worcester County; authorizing the Sheriff to appoint specified employees; requiring the County Commissioners of Worcester County to pay specified expenses of the Sheriff’s Office; providing that the chief deputy sheriff serves at the pleasure of the Sheriff; requiring that a specified person who serves as chief deputy sheriff revert to a specified status on removal; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0331 Chair, Appropriations Committee (Maryland Judicial Conference)**REAL PROPERTY – ELECTRONIC RECORDING PILOT PROGRAM**

Authorizing the Administrative Office of the Courts, in collaboration with the other members of the oversight committee of the Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund, to establish a pilot program for electronic filing of instruments relating to real property; requiring costs of the pilot program to be paid from the Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund; providing for the validity and effectiveness of instruments filed in accordance with the pilot program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB0358 Delegate Donoghue, et al**CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKERS–CLINICAL – PRACTICE – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of “practice social work” so as to authorize a licensed certified social worker–clinical to practice social work by evaluating, diagnosing, and treating specified mental and emotional conditions and impairments in addition to specified other conditions and disorders.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0377 Delegate Simmons**LANDLORD AND TENANT – SUMMARY EJECTMENT PROCEEDINGS – RECOVERY OF ATTORNEY’S FEES**

Authorizing the court in a summary ejectment proceeding in the case of a nonresidential tenancy to award reasonable attorney’s fees to the landlord if the lease agreement authorizes the landlord to recover attorney’s fees.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0403 Allegany County Delegation**ALLEGANY COUNTY – JUNKYARD ORDINANCE – APPEARANCES AT TRIAL**

Providing that, in Allegany County, during a prosecution for a specified civil infraction related to junkyards, the presence of the State’s Attorney is not required if a specified official who issued the citation for the infraction is present on behalf of the county.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0422 Delegates Simmons and Dumais**ALIMONY AND CHILD SUPPORT – EXEMPTION FROM EXECUTION ON A JUDGMENT**

Exempting money paid or payable for child support from execution on a judgment; and exempting money paid or payable for alimony from execution on a judgment to a specified extent.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0488 Delegate Morhaim, et al**ENVIRONMENT – STATEWIDE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING PROGRAM**

Altering a specified recycling program to include specified electronic devices; authorizing a county to address methods for the separate collection and recycling of specified electronic devices in a specified recycling plan; requiring that specified funds, in excess of a specified amount, revert to the General Fund of the State; requiring manufacturers of specified electronic devices to submit to the Department a specified registration and fee; repealing the termination date of provisions of a specified Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0501 Prince George’s County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – COMMERCIAL VEHICLES PARKED IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS – CITATION PG 301–07**

Requiring a police officer who discovers a specified commercial vehicle parked in a specified residential zone to deliver a citation to the driver or, if the vehicle is unattended, attach the citation to the vehicle in a specified manner; requiring the police officer to keep a copy of a specified citation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0505 Delegate Kullen, et al**MARYLAND SERVICE ANIMAL REFORM ACT – “GRETCHEN’S LAW”**

Expanding specified provisions concerning individuals with disabilities to include service animals; repealing provisions requiring individuals accompanied by service animals to display specified identification; requiring specified organizations or agencies that require specified individuals to take specified professional training courses to include a segment concerning the rights of individuals with disabilities who are accompanied by service animals; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0513 Howard County Delegation**HOWARD COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – QUALIFICATIONS
AND ELECTION OF STUDENT MEMBER HO. CO. 12–07**

Providing for a student member on the Howard County Board of Education; specifying qualifications and the term of office for the student member; providing for the election of the student member by specified Howard County students and requiring that the process for the election be approved by the County Board; specifying rights and privileges of the student member; prohibiting the student member from voting on specified matters; specifying that the student member is not entitled to compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0536 Delegate Dumais, et al**FAMILY LAW – PATERNITY – DEPENDENT DISABLED CHILD**

Establishing that a proceeding to establish paternity of a child who is dependent on a parent because of a mental or physical infirmity may be begun at any time before the child's twenty-first birthday.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0579 Delegate Tarrant, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL
PRODUCTS AND SMALL GROUP ADMINISTRATIVE DISCOUNTS
AND STUDY**

Providing that the Maryland Insurance Commissioner may authorize health insurance carriers to offer a preferred provider insurance policy that conditions the payment of benefits on the use of preferred providers if the health insurance carrier meets specified requirements; requiring specified insurers and nonprofit health service plans to offer an option to include preferred and nonpreferred providers as an additional benefit under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0594 Delegate Hubbard, et al**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES FOR COGNITIVE AND FUNCTIONAL IMPAIRMENTS – STUDY AND ANALYSIS**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with specified stakeholders, to conduct a specified study and analysis of options available to the State to increase access to specified long-term care services for specified individuals with cognitive and functional impairments; requiring the Department to submit specified reports to the Governor and committees of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB0602 St. Mary's County Delegation**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – REAL PROPERTY – TRANSFER**

Authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, by resolution, to transfer property no longer needed for a public purpose with or without consideration to any private nonprofit organization in the county or to the Housing Authority of St. Mary's County if a specified public hearing is held; requiring specified issues to be considered at the public hearing; requiring a specified notice to be published before the public hearing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0636 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – TASK FORCE TO IMPROVE CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PG 426–07**

Establishing a Task Force to Improve Child Support Compliance in Prince George's County; requiring the Task Force to develop a plan and draft legislation to improve child support compliance in Prince George's County among noncustodial parents who are more than \$10,000 in arrears in child support payments and have failed to make a child support payment for 12 or more consecutive or nonconsecutive months; requiring the Task Force to submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly by July 1, 2008; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0653 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – MARRIAGE LICENSE FEE – INCREASE PG 411–07

Increasing the maximum amount of the additional marriage license fee that the Prince George's County Council is authorized to set from \$45 to \$60; and requiring the Director of Finance of Prince George's County to distribute the proceeds from the additional marriage license fee to the Family Crisis Center of Prince George's County; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0654 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – TRANSFER TAX – DEPUTY SHERIFFS PG 409–07

Extending a specified exemption under the Prince George's County transfer tax to the sale of improved residential real property to a Prince George's County deputy sheriff who will occupy the property as a principal residence under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0670 Delegate McComas, et al

ALCOHOL WITHOUT LIQUID MACHINES

Prohibiting the use of Alcohol Without Liquid (AWOL) machines to inhale alcohol vapor or otherwise introduce alcohol in any form into the human body; prohibiting the possession, purchase, transfer, or offering for sale or use, with a specified intent, of Alcohol Without Liquid machines; and providing a specified penalty.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0672 Delegate McComas, et al

PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP OF DISABLED PERSON – CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY BY LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER–CLINICAL

Authorizing a petition for guardianship of a disabled person to include signed and verified certificates of competency by a specified licensed physician and a specified licensed certified social worker–clinical.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0682 Delegate Morhaim**HEALTH CARE DECISIONS ACT – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES “DO NOT RESUSCITATE ORDERS” – HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS**

Authorizing specified health care providers to comply with an emergency medical services “do not resuscitate order” under specified circumstances; and requiring specified health care providers to comply with an emergency medical services “do not resuscitate order” under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0687 Delegate McComas, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – DRIVER AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION RECORDS – ADMISSIBILITY OF COPIES IN JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS**

Expanding the application of a provision of law to provide that computer printouts of driver and vehicle registration records of the Motor Vehicle Administration obtained by specified law enforcement units in a specified manner are admissible in a judicial proceeding in the same manner as the original records.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0722 Washington County Delegation**WASHINGTON COUNTY – CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS – COMPILATION AND LEGALIZATION**

Legalizing the 2007 edition of the Code of Public Local Laws of Washington County, being Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, published under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County; and making provisions for the publication, sale, and distribution of the Code of Public Local Laws of Washington County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0753 Washington County Delegation**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS –
VIOLATIONS OF CIVIL OFFENSES – AUTHORITY**

Authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County to provide that violations of specified civil offenses may be prosecuted in a specified manner; requiring the Board of County Commissioners to adopt ordinances; requiring the Board of County Commissioners to provide members of the Washington County Delegation with copies of proposed ordinances prior to exercising a specified authority; and defining a specified term.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0756 Delegate Beitzel**GARRETT COUNTY – PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS – OBSOLETE
PROVISIONS – REPEAL**

Repealing specified obsolete provisions of the Public Local Laws of Garrett County relating to auctions, hogs, marriage ceremonies, motion picture exhibitions, emergency ambulance services, and snowmobiles.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0792 Delegate Barkley, et al**FAMILY LAW – CHILD SUPPORT – SUSPENSION OF ATTORNEY
LICENSES**

Altering the definition of “licensing authority” to specifically include the Court of Appeals in provisions authorizing the Child Support Enforcement Administration to require a licensing authority to suspend specified professional licenses for failure to pay child support; authorizing the Administration to make a referral to the Attorney Grievance Commission for proceedings in accordance with the Maryland Rules governing attorney discipline under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0893 Delegate James**BAY RESTORATION FUND – WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES UPGRADES – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the Department of the Environment and the Department of Planning annually to make a joint report on or before a specified date regarding the impact of upgraded wastewater treatment facilities on growth in specified municipalities and counties; requiring the departments to include in the report specified information and determine, in consultation with and with the assistance of specified persons, other information to be included in the report; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0905 Frederick County Delegation**FREDERICK COUNTY – PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS – ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES**

Authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County to award procurement contracts for architectural and engineering services costing more than \$30,000 based on an evaluation of the technical proposals and qualifications of at least two persons; and requiring that the contracts be fair, competitive, and reasonable.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB0907 Cecil County Delegation**CECIL COUNTY – BRIDGE OR ROAD CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR CONTRACTS**

Altering the threshold amount of specified expenditures that are required to be made by competitively bid contracts in Cecil County; and repealing a limitation on the amount of specified contracts that a contractor may be awarded during a 2-month period.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB0964 Delegates Conway and Mathias**ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS – DREDGING FOR OYSTERS AND CLAMS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the use of dredging to catch or attempt to catch oysters and clams in the Atlantic Coastal Bays area; prohibiting the use of a hydraulic clam dredge, power dredge, or other mechanical means of clamming and oystering in the Atlantic Coastal Bays; providing for a delayed effective date; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0969 St. Mary's County Delegation**ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION – FEE SCHEDULE**

Requiring the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission to impose and collect a connection fee for specified water or sewer connections under specified circumstances; providing for the calculation of a specified connection fee; requiring the Commission to impose and collect capital contribution charges for specified equivalent dwelling units connected to the water and sewerage system; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB0979 Delegate Pendergrass, et al**HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE PILOT PROJECT**

Establishing a health information exchange pilot project; requiring the pilot project to be operated by the Maryland–DC Collaborative; requiring the pilot project to transmit specified information to participating health care providers in a specified manner and for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB1013 Delegate James**GOVERNOR'S PENSION PLAN – SURVIVING SPOUSE BENEFITS**

Providing death benefits to surviving spouses of former Governors.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB1071 Delegate Anderson, et al**CHILD FATALITY REVIEW TEAMS – ACCESS AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION**

Authorizing a specified local team to investigate specified information and records; requiring that a local team be immediately provided access to information and records maintained by a health care provider regarding a child convicted of a crime or adjudicated as having committed a delinquent act that caused a death or near fatality; prohibiting the disclosure of specified information during specified public meetings; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB1150 Delegate Ali, et al**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – EVALUATION OF THE TELEWORK PARTNERSHIP WITH EMPLOYERS INITIATIVE**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation, within currently budgeted resources, to evaluate the Department's Telework Partnership with Employers initiative; and specifying that the Department, on or before a specified date, issue a report of its findings and recommendations regarding the telework initiative to the Governor and the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB1158 Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**SHELLFISH DEALERS – LICENSURE**

Requiring a person to obtain a license issued by the Department of Natural Resources before buying, selling, shipping, transporting, or otherwise dealing in shellfish; providing for specified exceptions to the licensure requirement; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations defining what constitutes a shellfish for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB1175 Delegate Davis**COUNTIES – PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS**

Authorizing a county to enter into an agreement to purchase development rights under specified circumstances; authorizing a county to determine, by resolution, the provisions, terms, conditions, and the duration of a specified agreement; providing that a payment obligation in a specified agreement shall be a general obligation of the county and may not be subject to a specified annual appropriation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB1189 Delegates Bobo and McIntosh**TRANSPORTATION – MARYLAND SENIOR RIDES PROGRAM – GRANT LIMITATIONS**

Repealing specified caps on the annual and total number of grants that a participant in the Maryland Senior Rides Program may receive; altering a specified cap on the total dollar amount of grants that the Maryland Transit Administration may award annually under the Program; repealing a specified cap on the total dollar amount and the dollar amount per applicant that the Administration may award annually under the Program; repealing a cap on the amount that the Administration may award for use in specified regions of the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB1223 Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**SNAPPING TURTLES – REGULATIONS**

Authorizing the Secretary of Natural Resources to adopt regulations to restrict, permit, or prohibit the catching, possessing, purchasing, transporting, or exporting of snapping turtles.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB1224 Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE – USE OF ACQUISITION FUNDS**

Authorizing the use of Program Open Space acquisition funds for additional specified activities; and providing that the costs to perform specified activities may not exceed 10 percent of the purchase price of the land.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB1225 Carroll County Delegation**CARROLL COUNTY – ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES – ONGOING VIOLATIONS**

Establishing that if the growth of weeds, accumulation of refuse, or other specified nuisance continues in Carroll County after more than two notices have been sent within a twelve-month period to both the owner and occupant of the property on which the nuisance is found, the nuisance shall be considered an ongoing violation; and authorizing the County to take action to abate an ongoing violation without giving additional notice under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB1243 Anne Arundel County Delegation**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Authorizing the governing body in Anne Arundel County to designate Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency, Inc. as the mental health advisory committee for Anne Arundel County; and providing for an exception to the membership requirements for a mental health advisory committee in Anne Arundel County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB1278 Carroll County Delegation**CARROLL COUNTY – BINGO AND GAMING EVENTS – QUALIFIED ORGANIZATIONS**

Repealing a requirement in Carroll County that restricts the conduct of bingo or gaming events in the county to qualified organizations that are located in the county.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB1288 Delegate Vaughn, et al**STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION – SALES AGENTS FOR HOME BUILDERS – LICENSURE**

Requiring individuals who sell any real estate as sales agents for home builders to be licensed by the State Real Estate Commission; and altering the definition of “provide real estate brokerage services” to include selling any real estate as a sales agent for a home builder.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB1295 Harford County Delegation**HARFORD COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR HOMES NEAR A REFUSE DISPOSAL SYSTEM**

Altering a provision authorizing Harford County to grant a property tax credit for specified owner-occupied residential real property in proximity to specified refuse disposal systems, increasing from 500 feet to 1,000 feet the proximity to the refuse disposal system within which homes may be eligible for the credit; applying the Act to tax years beginning after June 30, 2007; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB1311 Delegate Conway, et al**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2005 – WICOMICO COUNTY – SALISBURY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2005 to authorize the Board of Directors of the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc. to include funds expended on or after a specified date in the matching fund and to authorize the matching fund to include real property; extending the deadline by which the grantee is required to present evidence to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HB1355 Washington County Delegation**WASHINGTON COUNTY – BUILDING EXCISE TAX**

Authorizing the Washington County Board of County Commissioners to alter the building excise tax it may impose on residential construction for fiscal year 2008; requiring the Washington County Board of County Commissioners to create a task force to study the Washington County building excise tax; requiring the task force to submit findings and recommendations to the Washington County Board of County Commissioners and the Washington County Delegation by September 30, 2007; terminating the Act at the end of June 30, 2008; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB1362 Dorchester County Delegation (By Request)**TOWN OF ELDORADO (DORCHESTER COUNTY) – URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY FOR SLUM CLEARANCE**

Authorizing the Town of Eldorado, Dorchester County, to undertake and carry out specified urban renewal projects for slum clearance and redevelopment; prohibiting specified land or property from being taken for specified purposes without just compensation first being paid to the party entitled to the compensation; declaring that specified land or property taken in connection with specified urban renewal powers is needed for public uses or purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB1364 Dorchester County Delegation (By Request)**TOWN OF HURLOCK (DORCHESTER COUNTY) – URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY FOR SLUM CLEARANCE**

Authorizing the Town of Hurlock, Dorchester County, to undertake and carry out specified urban renewal projects for slum clearance and redevelopment; prohibiting specified land or property from being taken for specified purposes without just compensation first being paid to the party entitled to the compensation; declaring that specified land or property taken in connection with specified urban renewal powers is needed for public uses or purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB1367 Delegate Conway, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – EMERGENCY VEHICLES – GREEN FLASHING LIGHTS**

Authorizing a stationary emergency vehicle serving as a mobile command unit to be equipped with or display a flashing, blinking, or oscillating green light or signal device to designate the vehicle as the command post.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HB1391 Harford County Delegation**HARFORD COUNTY – GAMING – POLITICAL FUNDRAISING**

Authorizing a political committee in Harford County to conduct a fundraiser at which prizes of money or merchandise are awarded in specified games of chance; and requiring that a prize not exceed the amount otherwise allowed for a prize in the county.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HB1429 Delegate Frush**REFORESTATION – REPLACING TREES DESTROYED BY PEST TREATMENTS**

Altering the purpose of the Restoration Fund in the Department of Natural Resources to include planting trees on private property to replace trees that were destroyed by a treatment to control plant pests under specified circumstances; authorizing the use of the Fund to replace trees destroyed as a result of a quarantine imposed by the Secretary of Agriculture; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB1441 Charles County Delegation**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2006 – CHARLES COUNTY – BLACK BOX THEATRE**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2006 to authorize the Board of Directors of the Chesapeake Bay Floating Theatre, Inc. to include in kind contributions in the matching fund.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007